

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 02-12-10**

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For Work Week Commencing: December 9, 2002  
Business Meeting: December 10, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2002.10.129 and D2002.10.131 – NWE – EWG Filings.
2. D2000.7.98 – NWE (Louisiana Pacific, Barrett's Minerals) – Special Service Contracts.
3. FERC Docket No. RM01-12-000 – Standard Market Design Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.
4. D2002.7.81 – NWE – Repeal of HB474, NWE Green Power Proceeding.
5. D2002.8.100 – Whitehall Wind – Application for QF Rates with NWE.
6. L-02.10.4-RUL – PSC – Annual Pipeline Safety Rules Update
7. D2002.9.120 – Energy West Montana – Interim Rate Relief
8. D2002.11.140 – NWE – Gas Tracker Filing
9. D2002.11.140 – NorthWestern Energy – Annual Gas Tracker

10. FCC 96-45 – PSC – FCC Non-Rural HCF, 10<sup>th</sup> Cir. Remand
11. D2002.8.105 – 3 Rivers – ETC Designation in Conrad Exchange
12. Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative and Clark Fork Telecommunications – Consolidation of Blackfoot and Clark Fork into Cooperative Structure

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS N2002.11.146 (LEROY)

On November 21, 2002, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-32, Consumer Packaging Changes. The proposed changes and additions are as follows:

- Reduce the recurring rate for the current ValueChoice package and eliminate the \$5 nonrecurring charge.
- Introduce a two-line version of the ValueChoice package
- Introduce a new package named PreferredChoice. This package contains all of the features in the current PopularChoice package in addition to LineBacker. The package will be rated at \$34.99.
- Introduce a two line version of the PreferredChoice package at a rate of \$49.99.
- Introduce an optional package to one and two-line ValueChoice customers called PrivacyPak. This package contains the following features: Security Screen, Call Rejections, and a Non-listed Service Listing. The recurring rate for this package will be \$5.00 and there will be no nonrecurring charge.
- Introduce an optional package to one and two-line PreferredChoice customers called ConveniencePak. This package contains the following features: Call Forwarding, Custom Ringing, Do Not Disturb, Priority Call, Selective Call Forwarding, Speed Calling 8 and Speed Calling 30. The recurring rate for this package will be \$5.00 and there will be no nonrecurring charge

Qwest is requesting a January 6, 2003 effective date for these changes

2. Qwest Communications N2002.11.147 (Scott)

On November 18, 2002, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-31. In this filing Qwest is requesting a reduction to Public Access Line (PAL) rates. The Basic PAL access line rate is being reduced to \$16.80 from \$38.94 and the Smart PAL access line rate is being reduced to \$17.39 from \$38.40. The Basic PAL Message line rate is being reduced to \$15.42 from \$24.85 and the Smart PAL Message line rate is being reduced to \$16.02 from \$23.51. The PAL message charge is being reduced to \$0.03 per call from \$0.04 per call. This filing is being made at this time to comply with FCC Order No. 02-025 which provided a new service test for PAL service that lowers PAL rates.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-12-17****New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2002.12.150 – PSC Investigation into Scope of 47 USC 252 (a) (i) for Purposes of Filing Interconnection Agreements for State Commission Approval